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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/news/comment/

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), under the authority of M.G.L. c. 21A, §§ 2, 8, and 16, M.G.L. c. 21N, §§ 3(b) and 3(d), M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 2C and 142A through E, will hold a public hearing in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A on an emergency regulation that amended 310 CMR 7.73 *Reducing Methane Emissions from Natural Gas Distribution Mains and Services*. The emergency regulation establishes gas operator annual declining emission limits for 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024, streamlines the petition process by which gas operators may petition for reserve cap, and requires for gas operators to categorize their pipeline mileage by age and material type in their annual report to MassDEP. The emergency regulation went into effect on December 21, 2020. In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, MassDEP is providing a public comment period on the emergency regulation, which may be modified after public hearing and public comment.

The emergency regulation and a background document are available on MassDEP's website at: www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/news/comment/. Per Governor Charles D. Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s. 20 signed and dated March 12, 2020, the public hearing will be conducted via remote conference call and will be open to the public. The date of and registration information for the public hearing is as follows:

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 9:00 AM (EST)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJModO-orjMpHtOf-XnM-5ubBTzYp6FP35qb>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

This information is available in alternate format. Contact Michelle Waters-Ekanem, Director of Diversity/Civil Rights at 617-292-5751.

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Testimony may be presented orally at the public hearing. MassDEP will accept written comments until 5:00 PM on January 29, 2021. Written comments must be submitted by email to climate.strategies@mass.gov or by mail to: Sharon Weber, MassDEP, One Winter Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

By Order of the Department
Martin Suuberg
Commissioner